
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Landmark/District:	Georgetown Historic District	(x) Consent
Address:	3120 N Street NW	
Meeting Date:	May 23, 2019	(x) Alteration
Case Number:	19-244	(x) Concept

The applicant, Overmyer Architects, agent and architects for property owners Benjamin and Darcy Nauman, requests the Board's review of a concept to construct a one-story addition and enclose a second-story rear porch at the rear of this circa 1900 three-story house. The rear yard would receive a new, sunken patio bounded by retaining walls and steps.

The project comes before the Board because it would not be visible from a public thoroughfare—as confirmed by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts staff—and is therefore not within the Commission's purview pursuant to the Old Georgetown Act. The addition is somewhat larger than the maximum area that can be approved administratively. Still, at one story and roughly 13 by 21 feet, it is relatively small and subordinate to the house's main mass.

The rear elevation of the addition and second-story enclosure is characterized by repeating multi-light doors and windows. Neither this repetition nor the offset of the lowest-level openings to those above is problematic, as the first floor is sunk within the surrounding walls and fences.

There is little demolition of historic fabric proposed, and we understand that the project has the support of the abutting neighbors.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board approve the concept as compatible with the character of the historic district and sufficiently retaining the fabric and character of the subject property. It is recommended that further review be delegated to staff.